

## CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *re*: ATTACK OF CHOLERA IN SEVERAL VILLAGES OF ARKALGUD TALUK.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now, Calling Attention Notice given by the Hon. Member Sri H. N. Nanje Gowda who is not here. The Minister may make the statement because it is an important matter.

†Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Health).—Sir, the Director of Health Services has reported that acute gastro-enteritis cases prevailed in a sporadic form (cases here and there) in Doddamagge area during the first week of June 1967. The first village affected was Kaniyar. There were 3 cases with one death. Motion samples were taken and sent for examination and Isolation of cholera vibrio, to the Public Health Institute, Bangalore. The sample taken with reference to one Smt. Eramma of Kaniyar village proved positive for cholera vibrios.

The three other villages where there were cases of gastro enteritis, were taken as cholera infected, and immediate preventive and curative action undertaken namely Anticholera inoculation, in the infected and surrounding villages; isolation and treatment of cases, disinfection of infected houses; sulphagaunadine prophylaxis to household contacts; intensive and regular chlorination of drinking water sources; food sanitation and fly control measures, etc.

The District Health and Family Planning Officer, Hassan, has posted special staff, Health Inspectors and Basic Health Workers, from the other areas of the Arkalgud Taluk in addition to the staff available in the Primary Health Centres of Doddamagge for undertaking preventive measures in the infected areas.

There is enough stock of Anti-cholera vaccine, drugs, bleaching powder, disinfectants, and insecticides with the District Health and Family Planning Officer, Hassan to meet the situation. Supply has been made of these articles to the infected areas. The Medical Officers of Primary Health Centres, Doddamagge, Basavapatna, Keralapura have been provided with sufficient drugs to treat cases.

Action has been taken for anticipatory control of cholera in the villages, along the river and the channel areas, within a radius of 5 miles from the infected villages.

Since 27th June 1967 there have been no incidence of cholera in this area. The situation is being watched.